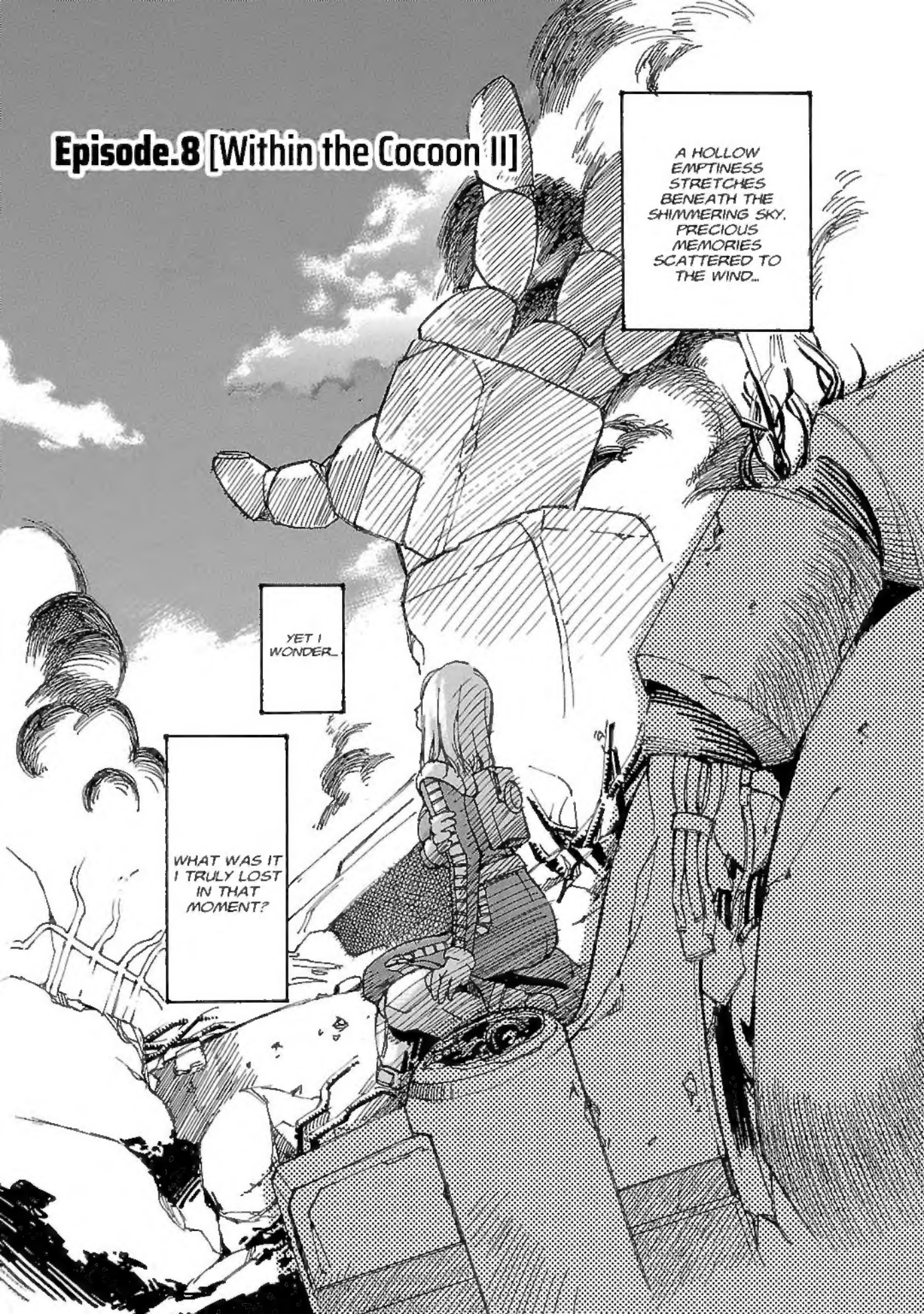


Episode.8 [Within the Cocoon II]

A HOLLOW
EMPTYNESS
STRETCHES
BENEATH THE
SHIMMERING SKY.
PRECIOUS
MEMORIES
SCATTERED TO
THE WIND...

YET I
WONDER...

WHAT WAS IT
I TRULY LOST
IN THAT
MOMENT?







HOW
LONG
WERE
YOU
EAVES-
DROP-
PING?

NOT
EXACTLY AN
ADMIRABLE
TRAIT.



AND YET
THANKS TO
ME, YOU
MANAGED
TO AVOID
GETTING
CAUGHT.

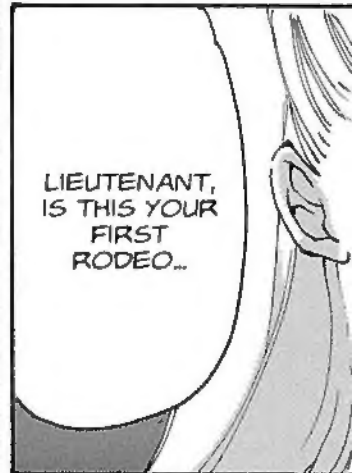
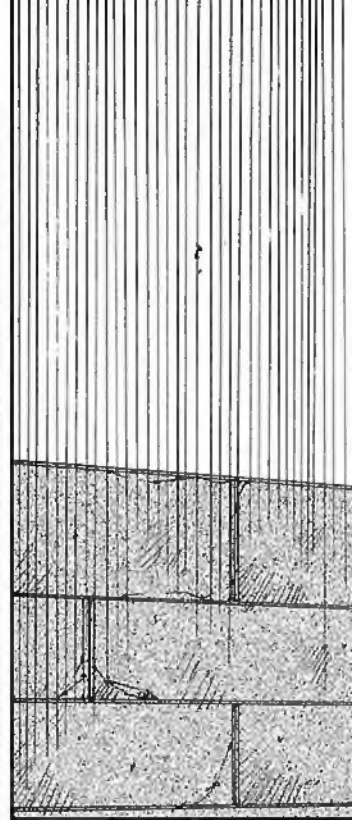


I'M
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE.
BUT I WON'T
LET YOU
TAKE ON
FIGHTS THAT
AREN'T
YOURS.



...DID YOUR
BLOOD JUST
RUSH TO YOUR
HEAD...

...AT THE
SIGHT OF
TROUBLE?



LIEUTENANT,
IS THIS YOUR
FIRST
RODEO...



...OR...



EVERYONE
HAS THEIR
LINE IN THE
SAND, DON'T
THEY?



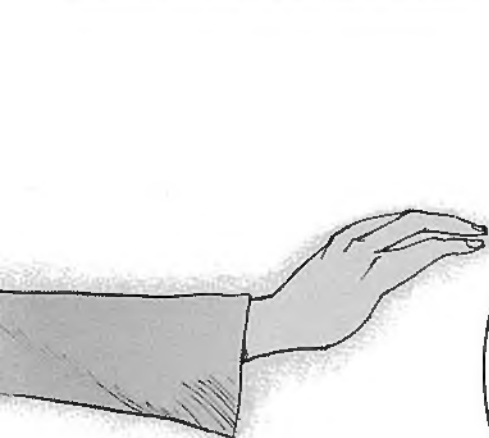
...ON A
COMRADE
WHO STOOD
UP FOR ME.

I REFUSE TO
TURN MY
BACK...



MY TEAM IS
PROBABLY
SEARCHING
EVERYWHERE
FOR ME.

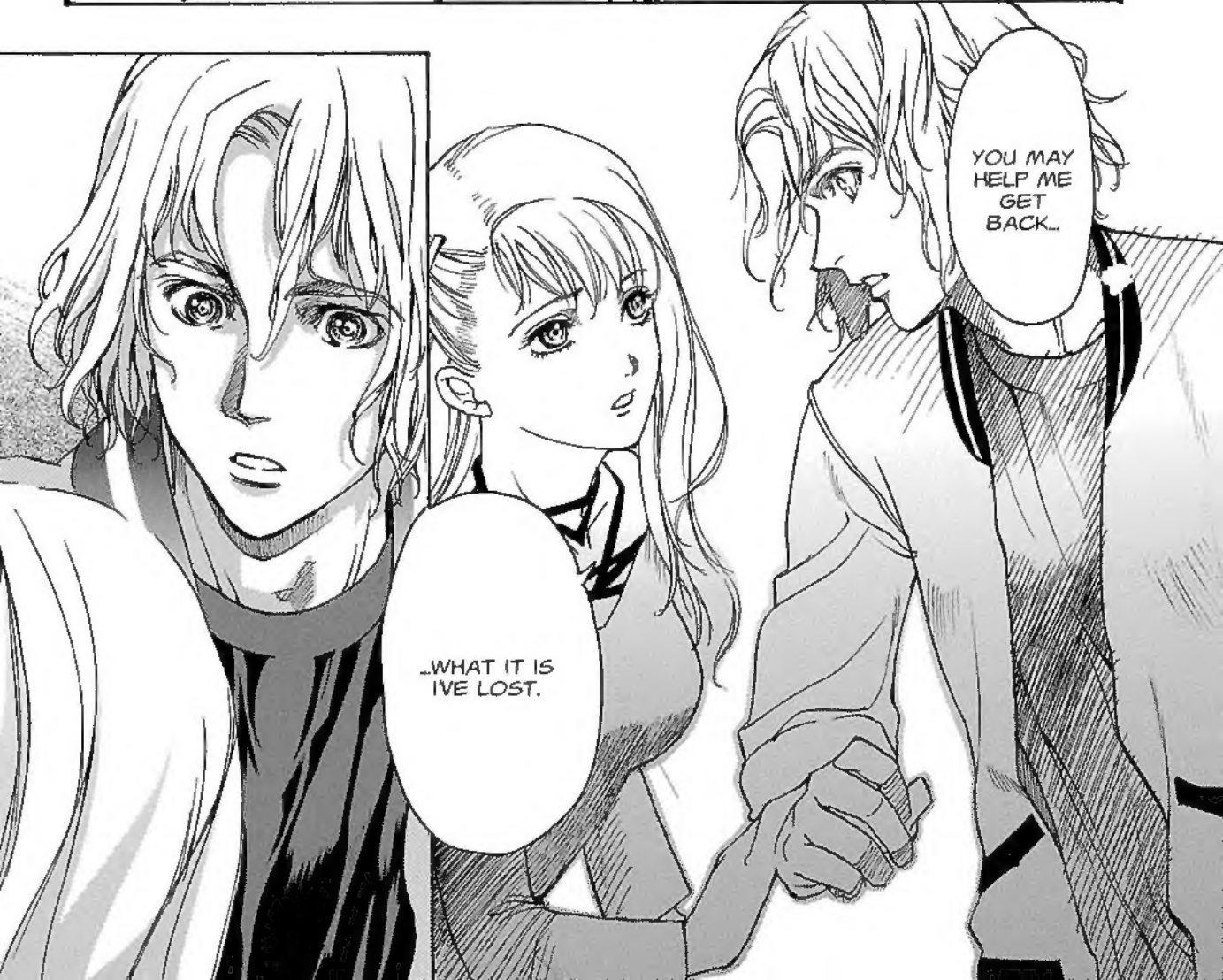
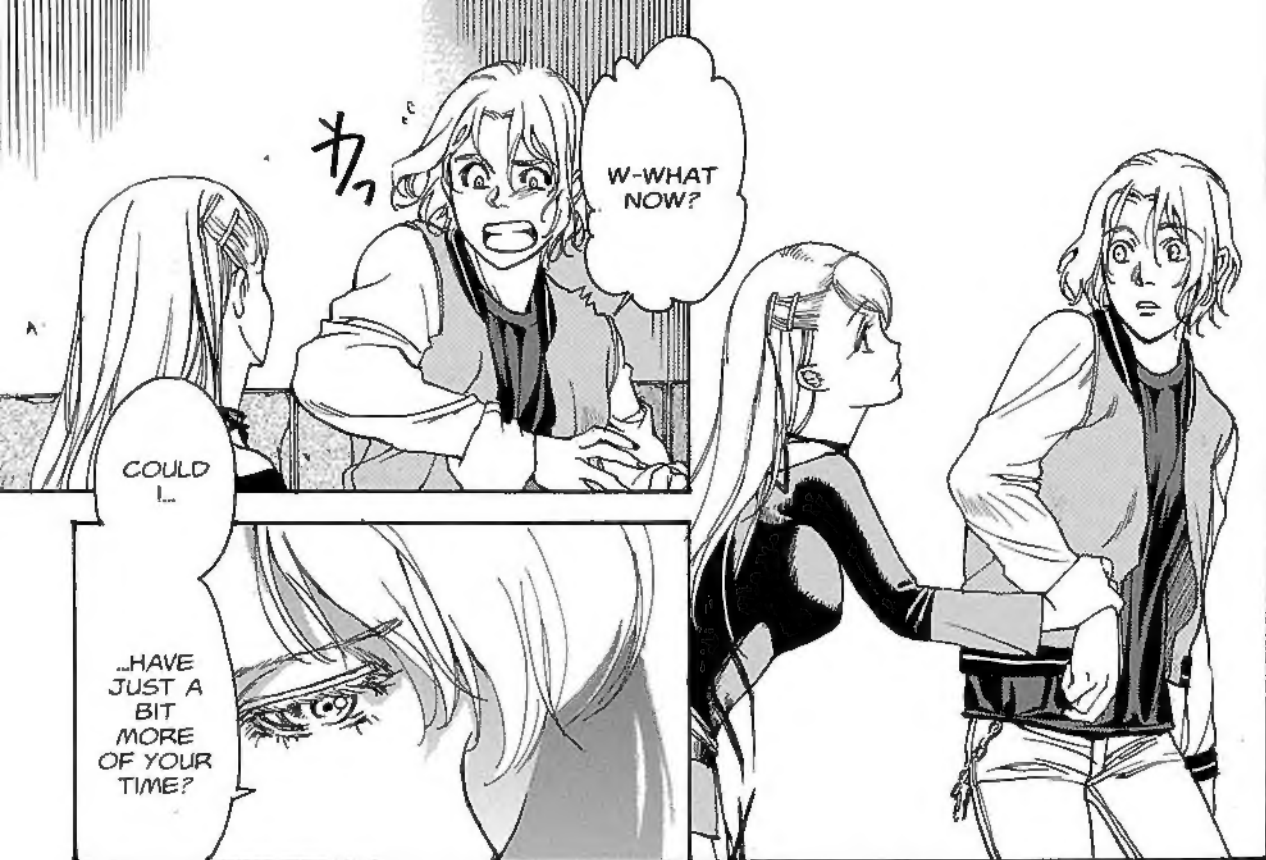
I NEED
TO
LEAVE
NOW.



MAN, WHAT A
PIECE OF
WORK...



SHE'S A
TOTAL
BABE, BUT...









HOW...

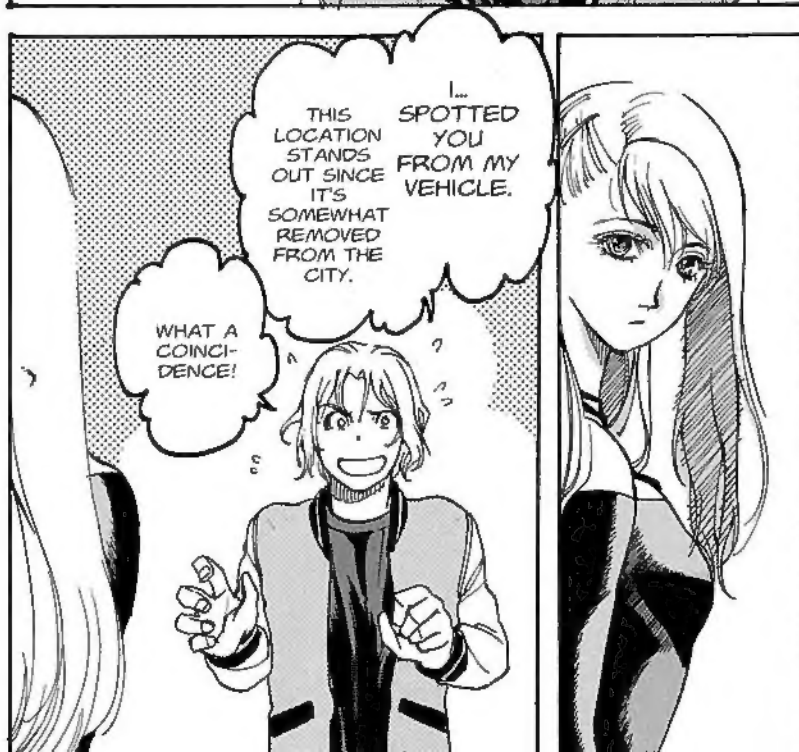
DID I END
UP IN THIS
SITUATION?



UM...

WHAT
BROUGHT
YOU HERE
ANYWAY?

WHAT A
MESS...



THIS
LOCATION
STANDS
OUT SINCE
IT'S
SOMEWHAT
REMOVED
FROM THE
CITY.

I...
SPOTTED
YOU
FROM MY
VEHICLE.

WHAT A
COINCIDENCE!





I'M LOOK-
ING FOR
SOME-
THING.



GOD, THAT
SOUNDED
PATHETIC...



I
APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
BEHAVIOR
EARLIER.



IT'S BEEN
NAGGING
AT ME
SINCE
I FIRST
SAW HER.

OH
YEAH...



WHAT IS
SHE
LOOKING
AT?



YOU
MUST BE
FURIOUS
WITH ME,
RIGHT?

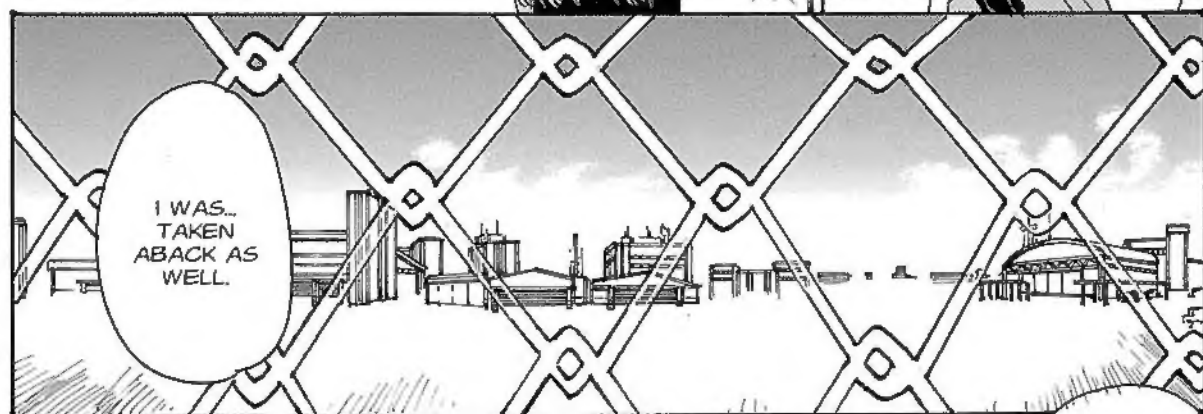
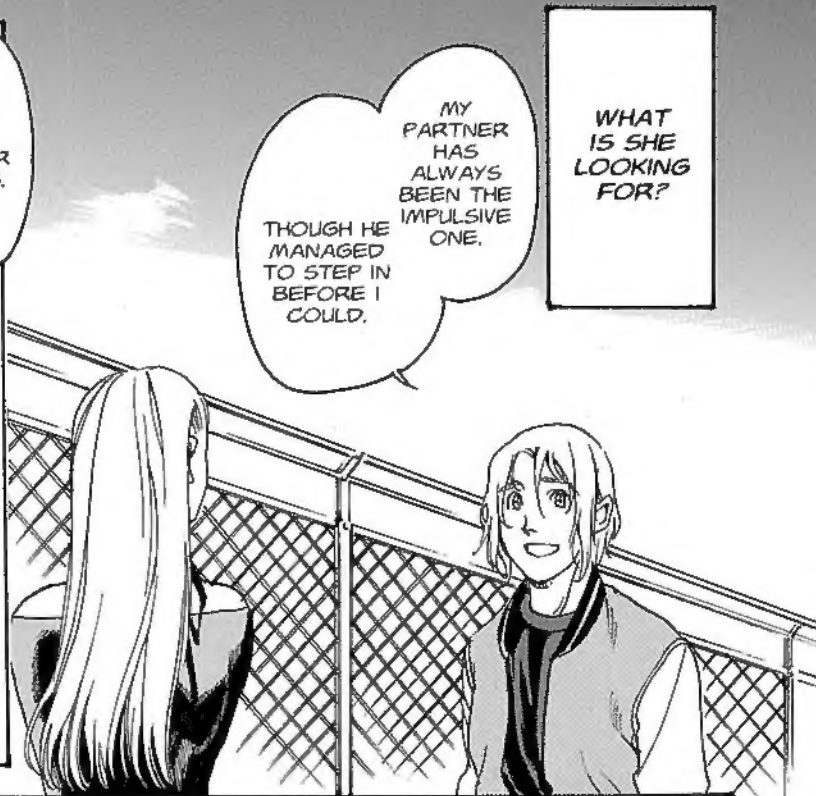


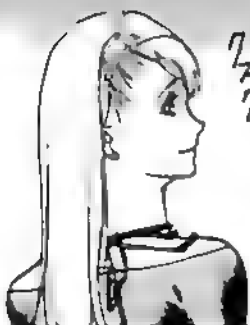
MY TEMPER
REALLY DID
GET THE
BETTER
OF ME.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

BUT HER
EYES ARE
FOLLOWING
SOMETHING
ELSE.

SHE
SEEMS
TO BE
LOOKING
AT ME...





???

WHY AM I
REVEALING
SO MUCH
ABOUT
MYSELF?

IT'S JUST
WHO HE IS



BESIDES, I
COULDN'T RISK
HIM BEING
REASSIGNED
TO HIS
ORIGINAL UNIT.

EACH OF
THEM MEANS
THE WORLD
TO ME



SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE
SURROUNDED
BY GOOD
PEOPLE.

HUH?

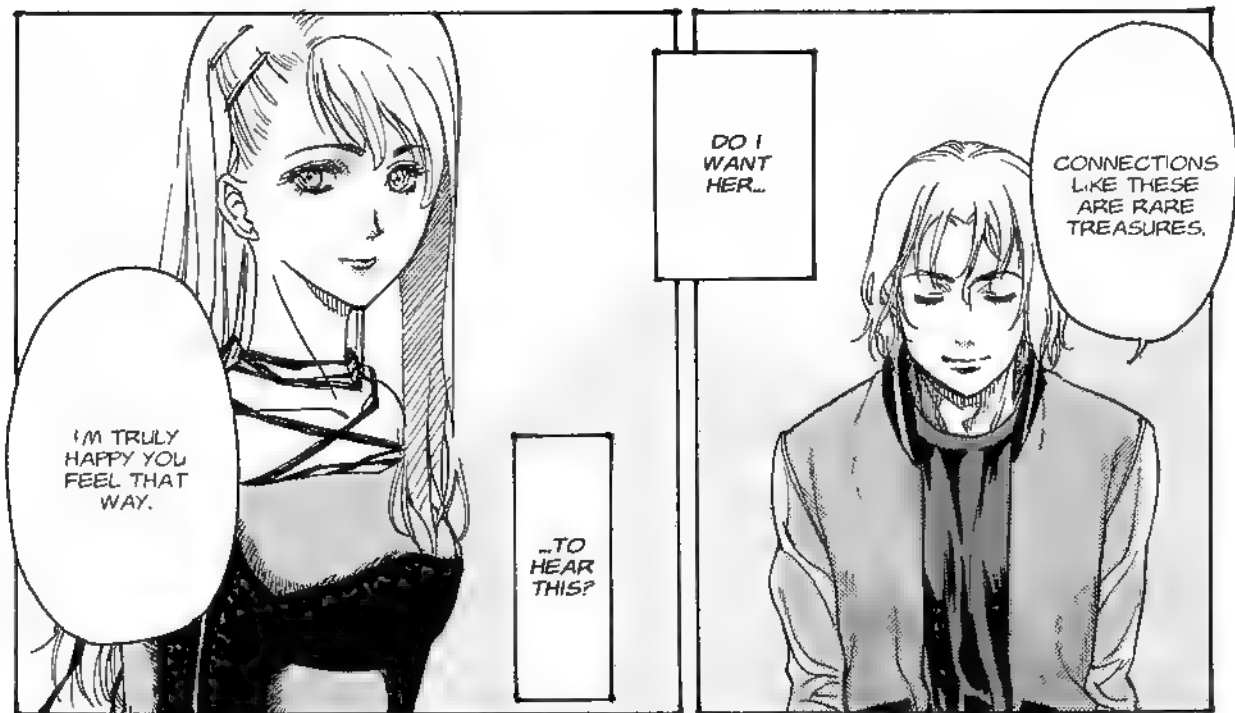
IS IT HER
MAKING
ME TALK.

OR



THE WAY
YOU SPEAK
ABOUT
THEM
RADIATES
GENUINE
HAPPINESS.

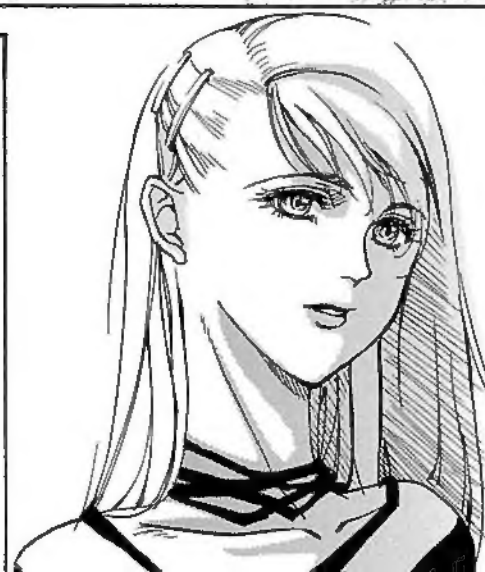
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...IN BEING
ASSIGNED
TO THAT
TEAM.

I TAKE
PRIDE...



IS
THAT...

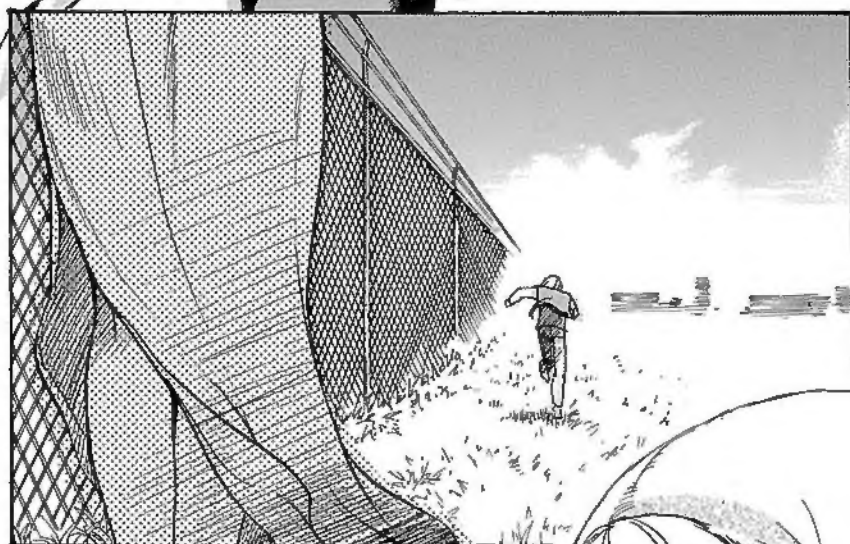
WHAT
DRIVES
YOU TO
FIGHT?



DON'T
WORRY.

SORRY I
COULDN'T
HELP...

...WITH
WHAT YOU
WERE
LOOKING
FOR!



SO
NOW...

WHAT I
WAS
LOOKING
FOR.

IVE
ALREADY
FOUND...





NONE.

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
REGRETS?

THERE'S NO
COMING
BACK ONCE
YOU CROSS
THIS LINE.



ARE YOU
PREPARED
TO FIGHT?



KILLMEYER
SQUAD,
LIEUTENANT
HILDEGARD
SKORZENY...

COMMENCING
OPERATION!



MORE
THAN
READY.